

We are picking on 1.2 million women who work for the Federal Government. It is wrong. These are good women. These are hard-working women. They deserve equal rights. They deserve dignity.

I hope some are listening to this debate and will come over and vote no, or if I move to table, will vote aye to table this amendment.

I reserve whatever few seconds I may have left.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. DEWINE. I yield myself such time as I may consume. How much time is available?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio has 6 minutes 40 seconds and the Senator from California has 2 seconds.

Mr. DEWINE. Two seconds?

Mr. President, this matter has been debated out, and I believe everyone knows what the issue is. It is really not a question, though, of taking anything away from Federal employees. As I pointed out earlier, my amendment simply maintains the status quo. It keeps the current law. It keeps the law that has been in effect virtually for the last decade, with the exception of a 2-year period of time. It does not take anything away.

It simply says taxpayers' dollars will not be used to subsidize the payment for abortions. The vast majority of the American people do not believe their tax dollars should be used to pay for someone else's abortion. Poll after poll has disclosed that. That is all this amendment does.

My amendment would maintain the status quo that limits Federal employee health plans to cover abortions only in the case of rape, incest and threats to the life of a mother. That is what the amendment does. It is very simple. We have voted on it time and time again.

I simply ask my colleagues to follow the will of the American people. The American people are the employer in this case. As my colleague from Utah pointed out so very eloquently a moment ago, that is the way every other health plan is determined. The taxpayers of this country have the right to determine this plan, and they have the right to say their tax dollars will not be used to fund abortions.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I move to table the DeWine amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to table is not in order while time remains.

Mr. DEWINE. If the Senator wants to yield back her 2 seconds, I am willing to yield back the several minutes I have left.

Mrs. BOXER. Absolutely.

Mr. DEWINE. I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I move to table the DeWine amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 1200. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 51, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 197 Leg.]

YEAS—47

Akaka	Feinstein	Lincoln
Baucus	Graham	Mikulski
Bayh	Harkin	Moynihan
Bingaman	Hollings	Murray
Boxer	Inouye	Reed
Bryan	Jeffords	Robb
Byrd	Johnson	Rockefeller
Campbell	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Chafee	Kerrey	Schumer
Cleland	Kerry	Snowe
Collins	Kohl	Specter
Daschle	Landrieu	Stevens
Dodd	Lautenberg	Torricelli
Durbin	Leahy	Wellstone
Edwards	Levin	Wyden
Feingold	Lieberman	

NAYS—51

Abraham	Dorgan	Lugar
Allard	Enzi	Mack
Ashcroft	Fitzgerald	McConnell
Bennett	Frist	Nickles
Biden	Gorton	Reid
Bond	Gramm	Roberts
Breaux	Grams	Roth
Brownback	Grassley	Santorum
Bunning	Gregg	Sessions
Burns	Hagel	Shelby
Cochran	Hatch	Smith (NH)
Conrad	Helms	Smith (OR)
Coverdell	Hutchinson	Thomas
Craig	Hutchison	Thompson
Crapo	Inhofe	Thurmond
DeWine	Kyl	Voinovich
Domenici	Lott	Warner

NOT VOTING—2

McCain Murkowski

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Ohio.

The amendment (No. 1200) was agreed to.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas is recognized.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT—S. 1283

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator COVERDELL's needle exchange amendment have 30 minutes of debate, 20

minutes under the control of Senator COVERDELL and 10 minutes under the control of Senator DURBIN, at the end of which time Senator COVERDELL will withdraw the amendment; Senator DURBIN's tuition assistance program amendment have 30 minutes of debate, with 20 minutes under the control of Senator DURBIN and 10 minutes under the control of Senator HUTCHISON, at the end of which time the amendment will be withdrawn; Senator DURBIN's sense-of-the-Senate amendment on D.C. quality of life, with 15 minutes under control of Senator DURBIN and 5 minutes under the control of Senator HUTCHISON, at the end of which time there will be a voice vote; Senator DASCHLE's Rock Creek Park amendment, with 20 minutes under the control of Senator DASCHLE, at the end of which time there will be a voice vote; two amendments by Senator DORGAN, with 5 minutes on each, controlled by Senator DORGAN, at the end of which time they will be accepted by managers; managers' amendments, and then a voice vote on final passage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—continued

Mr. DORGAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, there are a number of amendments that Senator CAMPBELL and I have discussed, which we are prepared to accept. He has a number of them he will mention.

Let me mention the amendments by number that we are prepared to accept:

No. 1209, by Senator HARKIN, and he will be modifying that in a moment; amendment No. 1213, by Senator TORRICELLI; amendment No. 1212, by Senator WELLSTONE; amendment No. 1198, by Senator ENZI.

My understanding is that the remaining amendments that are pending will be withdrawn. My understanding, also, is that there is no request at this point for a recorded vote on final passage.

I am happy to yield to the chairman, Senator CAMPBELL.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, the amendments Senator DORGAN mentioned have been cleared with the majority, and we are prepared to accept them.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I amend that to say that the Torricelli amendment, No. 1213, will be accepted as modified, and it is the same case with the Harkin amendment, No. 1209, as modified. That has been cleared on both sides of the aisle.

My understanding, at the moment, is that Senator SCHUMER from New York is not able to clear the Torricelli sense-of-the-Senate amendment No. 1213.